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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

national application No.
PCT/GB2005/000633

Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1,3-6,17,19-22,33-37

Adaptive overload control system and corresponding network access controller (AC) and network access point (AP) wherein the aggregate traffic offered by the APs to the AC is determined and, in case of overload, a constrain is derived from said aggregate traffic, said constrain is transmitted to the APs and each AP determines a local constrain.

2. claims: 2-6,17,19-22,33-37

Adaptive overload control system wherein the reject rate of the traffic offered by the APs to the AC is determined and, in case of overload, a constrain is derived from said reject rate, said constrain is transmitted to the APs and each AP determines a local constrain.

3. claims: 7-22,33-37

Adaptive overload control system and corresponding network access controller (AC) and network access point (AP) wherein in case of overload a global constrain is generated based on the traffic offered, said global constrain is transmitted to the APs and each AP determines a local constrain determining a gap interval imposed on the traffic offered.

4. claims: 23-32,38

Method for controlling the number of calls received by a media gateway controller.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H04Q3/00 H04L12/56

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Y	<p>US 6 542 466 B1 (PASHTAN ARIEL ET AL) 1 April 2003 (2003-04-01)</p> <p>abstract</p> <p>column 2, line 42 – column 3, line 42; figure 3</p>	1, 3-6, 17, 19-22, 33-37

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